

Maidenhead  
5 Jan'y 1864

My dear Sir

I thank you for the loan of your book, of which I will take the greatest care, and will return it to you in a few days.

My temper is naturally quiet and tranquil, and it always has been tolerably equal. It is one of my maxims that every deviation from good temper is so far a proof of want of

understanding: the head has  
then dropped the rein, and  
the heels full to kicking

It is a long time  
since I knew any Benchmen,  
as I have retired from the  
profession (if I could be said  
ever truly to have belonged  
to it) for about forty years.  
I am

My dear Sir  
Yours very faithfully  
& much obliged

J. Payne Collier

(R.S.) Harlowe Esq.

I am so much out of  
pocket by my reprints (mainly  
because people think they have  
remitted, when they have not)  
that I must either give up



my scheme or alter and  
amend it considerably

If I reduced my No to  
25 (I mean my number of pre-  
cipients) it would make the  
book nearly twice as dear.

Should you, in that case,  
think it right to continue  
one?

